

Attention All Sophomores:

Craven Early College

Striving for EXCELLENCE!



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Dean's Message:

The first quarter of the 2011-2012 school year is officially in the books at CEC, and it was one that brought about a lot of changes, along with "Hurricane Irene." However, we survived the storm and are embracing the changes that we feel will continue to help CEC meet high expectations, and maintain the title of "Honor School of Excellence." We added outstanding teaching talent at the freshmen, sophomore, and junior grade levels respectively. Those new additions are: Ike Smith-9th grade English, Shawnda Leavell-10th grade Biology, and Kimberly Miller-11th grade Science. We were ecstatic to add such passionate educators to our school.

Throughout this year, faculty will receive professional development in preparation for the state's transition to the new *Common Core State and Essential Standards*. These standards are national standards which will help provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. In the classroom, teachers will further assess their students learning through the use of ClassScape, an online assessment tool that will provide teachers with immediate feedback on student learning. So, 2011-2012 school year will be a busy one, but faculty, staff, and students are definitely up to the challenge. Our attitude and primary goal is to be "EXCELLENT" each and every day, and we firmly believe success will follow. Thank you, and together, let's have an "EXCELLENT" year.

Dean Colvin

Raleigh Field Trip

Food: Students will need to have breakfast before leaving or bring breakfast with them on the bus. We are NOT stopping for breakfast. Students will need to bring lunch with them. There will not be anything available to purchase for lunch.

Money: The Science Museum has a gift shop where student may purchase souvenirs—please remember that students are responsible for keeping track of their money, and that they will have to carry any purchases until we board the bus.

Agenda: Students will take a guided tour of the Capitol and Legislative buildings. They will explore the Natural Science Museum and the North Carolina History Museum concluding with the Native American exhibit in the afternoon.

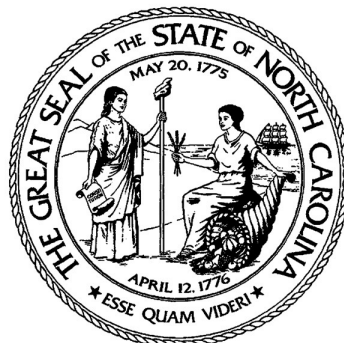
Reminders: Field trip money is due October 31. If you signed the blue "field trip commitment" sheet for this field trip at the beginning of the year, you have committed to pay the full cost of this trip.

Raleigh

Cost: \$25

Depart: November 18 at 6:00 am

Return: November 18 at 5:30pm



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First Nine Weeks

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 31—Raleigh Field Trip Money Due
- Nov. 14-18—College Spirit Week
- Nov. 18—Raleigh Field Trip
- Nov. 23—Make-up Instructional Day
- Nov. 24-25—Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1—Sound to Sea Money Due
- Dec. 6-8—Second Quarter Exams
- Dec. 14-15—Sound to Sea Field Trip
- Dec. 19-Jan.3—Christmas Break
- Jan. 5—Report Cards Issued

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Coming Soon

Supporting Your Sophomore

D.C. Field Trip

Math Placement Test



Letter to Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Homework helps build student responsibility and self-discipline. These qualities contribute to the formation of strong learning habits which follow students to college and the workplace. It is the intention of the sophomore team to assign relevant, challenging, and meaningful homework assignments which reinforce classroom learning objectives. Homework should provide students with the opportunity to apply information they have learned, complete unfinished class assignments, and develop independence. In order to set your student up for success, we have provided some suggestions and helpful tips regarding homework completion:



- **Help set up a consistent organized place for homework to be done.** The kitchen table is a great place to do homework. If your student is distracted easily, the living room or his/her bedroom may not be the best place to complete assignments.
- **Help your student establish a consistent schedule for completing homework.** This is a great time management strategy. Feel free to include time for chores, meals, extracurricular activities, etc. The more regularly the schedule is followed, the easier the schedule becomes habit.
- **Encourage, motivate, and prompt your child; but do not sit with him/her and do the homework with him/her.** The purpose of homework is for your student to practice and use what he/she has learned. If your student is consistently not able to do the homework by himself/herself, please contact the teacher.
- **If your student is practicing a skill, ask him/her to tell you which steps are easy for him/her and which are difficult.** You can even ask how he/she plans to improve. If your student is doing a project, ask him/her what knowledge he/she is applying in the project. If your student is consistently unable to talk about the knowledge he/she is practicing or using, please contact the teacher. (Marzano, 2004)

Ask your students about their homework and don't take "I don't know" or "Nothing" for an answer! Becoming involved in your students' education is a great way to motivate them and keep them accountable.

Sincerely,
Sophomore Teachers

References

Marzano, Robert J., Debra Pickering, and Jane E. Pollock. Classroom Instruction That Works: Research-based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 2004. Print.

Sound to Sea Field Trip

The Sound to Sea Program will help students understand why and how we are tied to the earth. Through the Biology, Cultural or Current Events Program options, students will have the opportunity to learn about the unique adaptations of the plants and animals that live on a barrier island, how man has used these plants and animals throughout history, or how the loss of this amazing biodiversity is harmful to human health.

Sound to Sea at Trinity Center on Bogue Banks

Depart: December 14 at 9:15am

Return: December 15 at 1pm

Visit www.trinityctr.com/soundtosea for more information.

Cost: \$120.00

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